

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 16-18, 20-25, 27, 28, 32-35 are pending, with Claims 19, 26, and 29-31 cancelled, Claims 16-18, 20-25, 27, 28, and 32-34 amended and Claim 35 added by the present amendment.

In the Official Action, the Title was objected to; Claims 6 and 19-31 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting over Claims 5-8 of U.S. Patent No. 6,111,604; Claims 17, 18, 32 and 33 were indicated as containing allowable subject matter; and Claim 34 was allowed.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter.

The title is amended as requested in the Official Action.

In response to the double patenting rejection, a Terminal Disclaimer relative to U.S. Patent No. 6,111,604 is filed herewith.

Claims 16-18, 20-25, 27, 28, and 32-34 are amended to more clearly describe and distinctly claim Applicants' invention. New Claim 35 is directed to an apparatus substantially corresponding to the method of Claim 34.

Support for the amended claims and new Claim 35 is found in Applicants' originally filed specification. No new matter is added.

Accordingly, in view of the present amendment and in light of the previous discussion, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and respectfully request an early and favorable action to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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